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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
TOMOKO MAEDA ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION :
(Based on PCT/JP99/01803)
FILED: HEREWITH :
FOR: METHODS FOR ISOLATION OF :
OSTEOCLAST PRECURSOR
CELLS AND INDUCING THEIR
DIFFERENTIATION INTO
OSTEOCLASTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 7, line 2, delete "or 6".

Claim 8, line 2, delete "or 6".

Claim 10, line 1, delete "or 9".

Claim 12, lines 1-2, replace "any one of claims 1 to 4 and 8 to 11" with --claim 1--.

Claim 13, line 3, delete "or 6".

Claim 15, lines 2-3, replace "any one of claims 1 to 4 and 8 to 11" with --claim 1--.

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